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1. The Chinese Communist Government has approached Nehru on a personal and confidential level, with the suggestion that at some convenient time during the Korean peace negotiations he pay his first state visit to Peiping. His sojourn in the Chinese capital would be made the occasion for a solemn celebration of friendship and cooperation between the two big Asian powers. Since agreement on the Korean peace conference has not yet been reached, no definite date of procedure has been worked out as yet for the proposed visit. The desirability of such a step has been agreed upon by both countries, but Mao certainly is more anxious to see this demonstration realized, than is Nehru who still seems to be hesitant.

2. A second step following Nehru's visit is also planned. It would be the calling of an all-Asian conference by a joint invitation by Peiping and Delhi. This conference would issue a political statement stating:

- a. That Asia's freedom from non-Asian interferences and invasions is nearing its fulfillment.
- b. That the Asian powers must concert their actions to liberate their continent from the remnants of colonial rule.
- c. That they must therefore concert their efforts to expedite the withdrawal of all non-Asian forces from those countries where such troops are still stationed.
- d. That the Asian powers must strive for a more equitable status in world affairs than they now occupy.
- e. That lasting cooperation between Peiping and Delhi is one of the major instruments for reaching these goals.

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3. An interesting aspect of these confidential negotiations is the wish of some Arab countries to participate in that conference. Naguib, in particular, has indicated to Nehru that he wishes to become one of the members of the conference. By joining the all-Asia conference the Arab countries hope to promote their own national interests i.e., the withdrawal of the non-Arab troops from their territory (Egypt, Iraq, and the French North African protectorates). Demands for speeding up the realization of this project have been expressed in New Delhi by various prospective participants (especially the Arab countries) because of the present delays in the Korean affair.

4. Nehru himself is still hesitant concerning the conference. He considers the project to be somewhat premature, first because of the confusion concerning Korea and second, because he fears that India might be unable to counterbalance the Asian bloc dominated by the Peiping Government. However, with the growing anti-Western trend in India both Nehru's visit to Peiping and the subsequent calling of an Asian congress are likely to take place within the next months.

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